THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Liberty* and *Property* of *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*, to *Aſperſe* all whom they Pleaſe, both *High* and *Low*.
2. The *Obſervator* Aſperſes her *Majeſty*'s whole *Reign*, as Favourable to *Popery*.
3. And they make the *Queen* and the *Parliament* Accountable to them.
4. They have thrown off the *Low-Church*, as well as the *High*. And made them both *Enemies* to her *Majeſty*.
5. And more ſince her *Majeſty*'s late *Aſſurances* to the *Church* than Before.
6. Their *Merit* towards her *Majeſty*, ſince ſhe came to the *Crown*.
7. And *Before*.

SATURDAY, *March* 23 170⅘.

1. *Country-man.* YOU Ended laſt time, *Maſter*, with ſaying that in your *Next* you wou'd ſhew, That the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters* do ſtill *Aſſert* their *Liberty* and *Property* in *Aſperſing* whom they Pleaſe.

Rehearſ. You will find it in the ſame *Obſervator* we were then upon, of the 2d. Inſtant, *Vol.* 4. N. 96. And even upon the point of thoſe *Aſperſions* caſt by Mr. *St——ns* upon the D. of *M.* and the *Miniſtry*. Where having fully *Prov'd* That Mr. *St——ns* was not *ALL* the *Whiggs*! (He do's not ſay, Did not ſpeak their *Senſe*) he Adds, as a *Salvo* for their *Rights*, when Time ſhall come, *The Pens and minds of Engliſh Men are Free, we Breath in a Free Air, under no Conditions of Slavery that I know of; And we have certainly a Liberty to Diſcourſe of Perſons and Things.*

(2.) *Country-m.* That is, to *Diſcourſe* of them, as he has done; to throw *Dirt* and *Beſpatter ALL*, from the *Higheſt* to the *Meaneſt*, that he do's not Like; All *Miniſters* of *State*, and All *Perſons* whatſoever, not ſparing *Majeſty* it ſelf. Did I ſay, *as he has done*? I muſt add, as he ſtill *Continues* to do, as in his *Obſervator* of the 6th of this *Month* Vol. 4. N. 97. The very next *Obſervator* to that wherein he enter'd his *Caveat* for *Free-Speaking*, as you have *Quoted* him, and here he makes full uſe of it, in *Aſperſing* her *Majeſty*'s whole *Reign*, as if great *Encouragement* were given to *Popery* in *her Reign* Particularly. *I recite this* (ſays he) *to let you know the Encouragement the PAPISTS have had in this Reign.* And again, ſays he, *Should I tell you honeſt Country-man, the Accounts I have had of the Numbers of POPISH Prieſts and Emiſſaries come into* England *the two firſt years of her Majeſty's Reign, it wou'd make your Hair ſtand on End.* And a little lower, *Can any Man tell me the Reaſon of our Security in this point for FOUR years laſt paſt? —What's become of the POPISH Prieſts, ſome time ago, that were taken up with their Veſtments and Trinkets? were they Proſecuted? What's become of that POPISH PRIEST not long ſince that was Committed to* New-Gate? *How came he out without Proſecution? Theſe things are worthy of the Enquiry of thoſe that have a Power to make ſuch Enquiry.*

Rehearſ. This is Calculated for the *Common People* that are *Fond* of the *Obſervator*, and read him Diligently, to make their *Hair* ſtand *on End!* To lift up their *Hands*, and Cry *Popery! Popery!* It is coming in upon Us! And more in *this Reign* than Ever before! Within theſe *Four* years laſt paſt! And even *Now*, not long *Since*, all theſe *Favours* to *Papiſts*! This ought to be *Enquir'd* into! And who have the *Power* of *Enquiry*? Who but the *Original* of *Government*, the *People*! Thee and I, *Tom, Dick, Will*, &c. Thus the *Obſervator* has often Inſtructed Us. And he has told Us, he has *Accounts* wou'd make one's Hair ſtand *on End*! Bleſs Us! *Popery* coming in! We muſt look to it! It lies upon *Us*!

Are not theſe pretty *Inſinuations* given to the *People*, to make 'em *Hearty* and *Zealous* for her *Majeſty* and the *Government*, and not *Wiſh* to ſee an *End* of *this Reign*!

(3.) *Country-m.* But he ſays in the next words, *I don't Queſtion, Honeſt Country-man, but our good Parliament, both Lords and Commons, will ſtrengthen the Proviſions of the Law againſt the Papiſts.*

Rehearſ. Her *Majeſty* is much oblig'd to him, to let the *People* think they have no *Security* againſt *Popery* in *Her*, but only in the *Parliament*! And if *Either or Both* anſwer not Expectation, they muſt be accountable to the *Obſervators ROGER*! As the *Review* threatn'd this ſame *Parliament* before they met, That if they did not do as he directed 'em, he wou'd Raiſe up the *Magazeen* of *Original Power* upon them! And he (*Modeſtly*!) Aſcribes to himſelf all the *Good* they did, wherein he ſays they not only follow'd his *Inſtructions*, but Expreſs'd themſelves in his very *Words*, to his no ſmall *Honour*! As I have before *Quoted* him.

Country-m. Why! To whom ſhou'd *Kings* and *Queens*, and *Parliaments* be *Accountable*? It can be to none but to the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*. For the *High-Church* Dit Claims any ſuch *Authority* over their *Kings*, or *Parliaments*. Unleſs you will let the *Low-Church* come in for a *Snack* with the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*, as *Partizans* of the *Depoſing* Doctrine.

(4.) *Rehearſ.* They may be *Partizans* or *Abettors* or what they Pleaſe, but they are thrown off by the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*, who will never *Truſt* them. They make uſe of them, as the *Monkey* did of the *Cat*, to Pull out their *Cheſs-Nuts* for them. And will Reward them Accordingly, with *Contempt* and *Scorn*. And perhaps a good *Cuff* into the Bargain, after they have made them *Burn* their *Toes*.

Country-m. You ſay the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters* have Thrown off the *Low-Church*. This is *Great* News, *Maſter*! But how do's this Appear? They us'd to *Sooth* them, and *Scratch* their *Polls* at a Strange Rate! Are they grown *Weary* of them *Now*? Or has *Low-Church* Diſ-Oblig'd them? Is it not *Low* enough yet?

Rehearſ. None of theſe, *Country-man*, is the Caſe. But the *Whiggs* think they have Gain'd the Day! That all's their own! And their *Journey-men* having Perform'd their *Work*, 'tis time to *Diſmiſs* 'em; at leaſt they may be a little more *Plain* with them. And let them ſee what they are to *Expect*. For 'twixt you and me, *Country-man*, they never Intend to *Truſt* them, as I have often told them. And they wou'd be *Fools* if they did. Who wou'd take that *Bird* into his *Boſom*, who had *Fil'd* his own *Neſt*.

(5.) And, as I have obſerv'd before, their *Rage* and *Fury* againſt the *Church* has *Encreas'd* ſince the Gracious *Aſſurances* ſhe has Receiv'd from the *Throne*, and from the *Parliament*. They treat her *ſince* with more *Contempt* and *Aſſurance* than Before. It was *Since* that, that the *Obſervator* told her, her *Houſe* was *Falling*, and bade her *Vermin* flie from her. That ſhe was now reduc'd to *Something*, next a *Kin* to *Nothing*. That all her *Canons*, *Rites* and *Ceremonies* ſignify'd no more than ſo many *Ballads*, or *Duck-Lane penny-Hiſtories*. Which, as I have ſhew'd before Includes the whole *Church*, *High* and *Low*, and all her *Conſtitution*. But he's *Plainer* yet, and in the ſame *Obſervator* we are upon, of the 2d. of this *Month*, N. 96. He ſums up his *Concluſion* from the whole, and ſays, in theſe very words, *That the WHIGGS and DISSENTERS are the ONLY Friends to her Majeſty, the Support of the Crown, and the Preſervation of the Government.* Obſerve the word *ONLY*, that they are the *ONLY Friends to her Majeſty*, &c. Here the *Low-Church* are fairly *Dis-Carded*. Unleſs they Reckon themſelves among the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*. For none *Other* are *Friends* to her *Majeſty*, the *Crown*, and *Government*! And if they are not *Friends*, then they muſt be *Enemies*. Is not this a pretty *Repreſentation* of the whole *Body* of the *Church*, and of all *Church-Men*? This is *out-Lawing* them *ALL* with a *Vengeance*! Putting them out of the *Protection* of the *Queen* and the *Laws*! And this *Treatment* to a *Church*, while ſhe is *Eſtabliſhed* by *Law*, and *Since* ſhe has Receiv'd freſh *Aſſurances* of *Protection* from her *Majeſty*!

Country-m. Surely, *Maſter*, if you had ſaid any thing within a *Hundred Miles* of this, you had been call'd *Coram Nobis* long ago. This is *Arraigning* both *Queen* and *Parliament*, as if their *Promiſes* to the *Church* were not *Sincere*! Or, at leaſt, That they had *Miſ-plac'd* their *Favours*, and beſtow'd them upon their *Enemies*, inſtead of their *Friends*, For that *None* are their *Friends* but the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*.

(6) But, *Maſter*, pray tell me what Grounds of *Boaſt* they have to call themſelves the *ONLY Friends* to her *Majeſty*.

Rehearſ. Indeed, *Country-man*, it is paſt my skill to find out their *Merit*. There was a time when they *Blacken'd* her *Miniſtry* not without *Threats* to her ſelf. They *Aſpers'd* her *Royal Conſort* the *Prince* by *Name*, in very *Scandalous* manner. And they ſpar'd none in the *Miniſtry* downwards, as it was not to be Expected. All which I have fully ſhew'd before. And they have Begun now again. And have heavily *Cenſur'd* the whole Expedition to *Catalonia*, and the Preſent *Adminiſtration*. And they fall foul upon the Ld. D. of M. in moſt *Spiteful Reproaches*. And, as I have ſhew'd you the *Obſervator* (now again) *Aſperſes* her *Majeſty's* whole *Reign*, as giving ſome more than ordinary *Encouragement* to *Popery*. For which of theſe they Reckon themſelves *Friends* to her *Majeſty*, and her *ONLY Friends*, I know not. And is it any *Friendſhip* to her *Majeſty*, to Endeavour to *Alienate* the *Affections* of the whole *Church of England* from her, by *Repreſenting* them all as *Enemies* to her *Majeſty*, and that ſhe 'has no *Friends* but the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*!

(7.) But whatever ſort of *Friends* they are to her *Majeſty*, they were but ſlender *Friends* to her *Royal Highneſs* in the laſt *Reign*, when they Publiſh'd what they Call'd, *Reaſons for Addreſſing his Majeſty to Invite into ENGLAND their Highneſſes the ELECTRESS DOWAGER and the ELECTORAL PRINCE of HANOVER*. London, *Printed and Sold by* John Nutt *Near Stationers Hall* 1702. wherein they ſhew their meaning plain enough to be underſtood. And ſay, p. 15. *It appears from Hiſtory, that all free People have ſet aſide the Children of Tyrants, for Reaſons of Eternal and Univerſal force.* And p. 17. Wou'd have the *Tarquins* with *their whole Progeny*, *Baniſh'd out of Rome*. And p. 20 they ſpeak of *Horrible things of Blind and Clancular Bargains* drove on by ſome body. And propoſe in Terms, that the *Abjuration* ſhou'd be put to *Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Denmark*. And add this Loving Remark, *But Cæſar's wife ought to be Unſuſpected, as well as Innocent*. They cou'd not mean Q. *Mary*, for ſhe was *Dead* then. Yet now *Theſe* are the *Men* of *Merit*! And wou'd have *Themſelves* believ'd to be *Friends*, and the *ONLY Friends* to her *Majeſty*!

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